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Note: Please include my attached letter in you decision making process.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to see the antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft settled. I feel that the case has been active long enough, and that ending it according to the settlement reached in November is fair.

An important reason I would like to see the case settled is because of the concessions Microsoft is agreeing to. I have not felt positively about the company bundling Windows-related programs onto computers, and the new removal features will give users and computer manufacturers a wider range of choices. Microsoft's competitors will now be able to more easily place their own programs on the Windows platform. Because of that and the other provisions in the settlement, I believe settling the suit is in the best interests of the public.

Microsoft is approaching the settlement reasonably, and I urge you to do the same. Please end the case without additional delay.

Sincerely,

James Putt